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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE OF THE ABOVE CAPTION CASE**

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Final Office Action dated June 23, 2003. Filed concurrently herewith is Applicant's Request for Continued Examination. Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a 3 month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003, from September 23, 2003, to December 23, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1425 the amount of \$950 to cover the cost of the extension. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.



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